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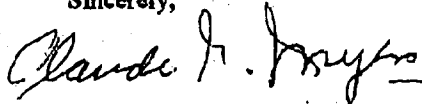
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing you today to express my feelings in regards to the settlement that was reached on November 6, 2001, between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I believe this settlement is fair and reasonable, and I am anxious to see this dispute resolved. I sincerely hope that there will be no further action against Microsoft at the Federal level.

This settlement contains provisions that foster competition and are beneficial for the technology industry. Microsoft has pledged to share more information with other companies, create more opportunities for other companies, and give consumers more choices. Under this agreement, Microsoft must design future versions of Windows to make it easier to install non-Microsoft software and must disclose information about certain internal interfaces in Windows.

During these difficult times, one of our highest priorities should be boosting our lagging economy. Restricting Microsoft will not achieve this end. Please do not punish Microsoft for pursuing the American dream. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Claude Myers
Representative

cc: Senator Rick Santorum